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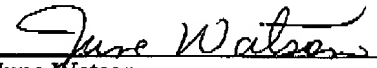
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Sir:

This request accompanies a response to a non-final Office Action mailed from the USPTO March 24, 2004. Applicant hereby requests a refund of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) fee paid in the amount of \$770.00 in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the USPTO October 3, 2003, which the Examiner has indicated was designated as a Final Office Action in error.

Applicant timely filed a response to the Final Office Action of October 3, 2003. Included in this response was an RCE and payment of the required fee. Thereafter, the Examiner contacted Applicant's representative and indicated that the Office Action was designated a Final Office Action in error and that the same Office Action would be issued to Applicant in non-final form. The Examiner also indicated that Applicant need only resubmit the documents previously filed in response to the Final Office Action. The Examiner further indicated that Applicant could

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request a refund of the RCE fee that was previously paid. Applicant is herewith resubmitting the previously filed documents in response to the non-final Office Action issued to Applicant as described above.

Therefore, because the fee for the RCE filed by Applicant in response to the previous Office Action was due to the Examiner's error of issuing the Office Action as a Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests that a refund be made to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,  
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